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SUBJECT: ALBANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL LEAVES JOB

DURING RECENT STOP AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO TIRANA REPORTED THE SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE OF SKENDER KONICA FROM HIS POST AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ALBANIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (OUR LATEST REFERENCE AID ON ALBANIAN OFFICIALS A CR 74-22 LISTS KONICA AS HEAD OF THE MINISTRY'S FOURTH DIRECTORATE). THE AMBASSADOR WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION ON THE REASONS FOR KONICA'S DISAPPEARANCE AND SPECULATED THAT IT WAS CONNECTED EITHER WITH HIS DEMOTION OR SHIFT TO ANOTHER POSITION. ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR, IT IS GENERALLY ASSUMED IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN TIRANA THAT KONICA HAS ADVOCATED CLOSER ALBANIAN RELATIONS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES, AND HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS COULD HAVE BEEN A FACTOR IN HIS TRANSFER. IN PASSING THIS INFORMATION TO US, THE ALBANIAN DESK OFFICER REQUESTED THAT IT BE CLOSELY HELD FOR THE TIME BEING. VOLPE

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